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Message from the Head Teacher

Celebrations are important to us and play a big part in life at Pre-Prep Ashtead. Friday is Celebrations Day and this morning in our Golden Board assembly we celebrated individual achievements, determined star awards and birthdays that have taken place this week. We also celebrated children's achievements acquired out of school. If your child would like to share a certificate or badge and talk about it in assembly, please bring these to school on a Friday.

The children are very proud of their awards, so if you have a moment when you drop your child at school, please take a look at our Golden board and at the stars which hang outside the First Steps classroom. Next Friday is our Charity Day and this term we have decided to have a Crazy Hair Day to raise money for our charity 'Woofability'. Children can wear their own clothes and please bring along £2 for their crazy hair and to enter the crazy hair games.

Tessa Roberts

We love Yellow



We may have had quite a rainy week but it's been sunshine all the way in First Steps. The colour yellow has been found when painting with lemons, mixing the gloop and singing songs. It's everywhere!



How do you hide a lion?

Rising Reception had an amazing time at the Polka Theatre watching 'How to Hide a Lion'.

From the moment we left on the minibuses the children were captivated by everything they saw, including cars, buses, cranes and diggers and we even saw some of their homes!



The children were mesmerised as they listened to the story and watched the delightful puppets. Once again, the Polka Theatre put on a stunning show for the children as they retold the story, adding excitement and laughter throughout the performance. Well done to all the children in Rising Reception for their wonderful behaviour during their first school outing.

**Andrea Powney
and Sally Rose**



Don't Forget

Mon 13 - Fri 17 Feb - Half Term

Mon 20 Feb - Parent/Teacher Interviews - booking available online from 12.00

Thurs 23 Feb - DAPA 'Phil' the Bag collection

Fri 24 Feb - Reception visit Polka Theatre - The Giant Jam Sandwich



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Mmmmm.....Delicious!

Year One were very excited to welcome a relative to lunch today. The menu consisted of some of our favourite dishes and the carrot cake was especially popular! Our visitors were very impressed by the quality of the food and by the quantity that the children ate. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs McCluskey and Mrs Hook for such a delicious lunch. The children were perfect hosts and looked after their guests very well.



Janet Catlow

Golden Board

Achievements in class work, good manners and excellent behaviour are celebrated in a special Assembly every week. We congratulated the following children today:

First Steps

Max Charalambous
 Vincent Hopson

Rising Reception AP & SR

All of Rising Reception for brilliant behaviour on their first school outing to the Polka theatre

Reception CH

Dexter Wharton

Reception MP

Arjunan Varathungan

Year One

Ava Dangerfield
 Adeline Truong

Events Week Commencing Monday 6 February

Lunch Menu week 3

Mon	10.30 15.30-16.30	Rising Reception SR visit Ashtead Library Football Club
Tues	9.45 15.40-16.10	Tots in Tune Spanish Club
Wed	15.30-16.30 15.30-16.30 18.30-19.30	Rising Stars Club Science Club Year One Pre-Prep Parents' Evening at Downsend School
Thurs	15.30-16.30	Year One Forest School at Downsend Rising Reception AP visit Ashtead Library Storyworld Club
Fri	15.30-16.30	Charity Day - Crazy Hair Day (own clothes) Yoganory Club

Voice of the Parent Survey

Towards the end of last term you received a parent survey about Pre-Prep Ashtead. I would like to thank all of the families who completed the questions and offered their thoughts about our school. The staff and I were delighted with your responses which spoke really positively about all that we are working on to achieve high standards here at school.

As a staff, we take time to consider our current practice on all aspects of school life. By using the latest available research and up-to-date thinking, we are always striving to offer the best start for all the children in our care. We are now looking forward to reflecting on your thoughts ensuring that we keep Pre-Prep Ashtead in tip-top shape.

Well Done!

Inspiring young minds